

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute amended claims 1, 2, 9, 12 through 14, and 18 through 20 as follows for the pending claims with the same number:

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1. (AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:  
a main body adapted to be disposed over a hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube;  
an insulating member adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and between said main body and the hitch tube; and  
a cover plate hingedly connected to said main body and being movable between a closed position and an open position.

2. (AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:  
a main body operatively connected to a hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube;  
a cover plate hingedly connected to said main body and being movable between a closed position and an open position; and  
wherein said main body includes at least one deflectable tab to retain said main body on the hitch tube.

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9. (AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:  
a main body operatively connected to a hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube;  
an insulating member disposed between said main body and the hitch tube;

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 a cover plate hingedly connected to said main body and being movable between a closed position and an open position;

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 wherein said main body includes a plurality of apertures extending therethrough; and

wherein said insulating member includes a plurality of pins extending outwardly and through said apertures in said main body to connect said insulating member to said main body.

*do not connect insulating member to main body*

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 12. (AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly for a motor vehicle comprising:

a main body adapted to be disposed over a hitch tube and having a front face with an opening adapted to allow passage of a hitch into an open end of the hitch tube;

an insulating member disposed within and operatively connected to said main body; and

a movable cover plate hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a first position and a second position.

13. (AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:  
 a main body for connection to a hitch tube and having a front face with an opening adapted to allow passage of a hitch into an open end of the hitch tube;

an insulating member disposed within and operatively connected to said main body;

a movable cover plate hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a first position and a second position; and

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wherein said main body includes opposed side walls extending from said front face with at least one deflectable tab to retain said main body on the hitch tube.

14. (AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein each of said sidewalls include<sup>s</sup> at least one aperture extending therethrough adapted to allow passage of a lock pin.

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18. (AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:  
 a main body for connection to a hitch tube and having a front face with an opening adapted to allow passage of a hitch into an open end of the hitch tube;  
 a movable cover plate hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a first position and a second position;  
 wherein said main body includes a plurality of apertures extending through said sidewalls.

19. (AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:  
 a main body for connection to a hitch tube and having a front face with an opening adapted to allow passage of a hitch into an open end of the hitch tube;  
 an insulating member disposed within and operatively connected to said main body;  
 a movable cover plate hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a first position and a second position;  
 wherein said main body includes a plurality of apertures extending through said sidewalls; and

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wherein said insulating member includes a plurality of pins extending outwardly and through said apertures to connect said insulating member to said main body.

20. (AMENDED) A hitch cover assembly comprising:

a hitch tube having a first opening adapted to receive a hitch;

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a main body disposed over said hitch tube and having a front face with a second opening to allow passage of the hitch into said first opening and in said hitch tube;

an insulating member disposed within and operatively connected to said main body; and

a movable cover plate hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a first position to close said first opening and a second position to open said first opening.

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